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FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2009, please reconsider the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.